



POLICE-COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS



West Valley City, Utah



NATIONAL NIGHT OUT is designed to:

- Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness;
- Generate support for, and participation in, local anticrime programs;
- Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships; and
- Send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.





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Why participate in NATIONAL NIGHT OUT?

National Night Out has proven to be an effective, inexpensive and enjoyable program to promote neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships in our fight for a safer community. Plus, the benefits your neighborhood will derive from National Night Out will most certainly extend well beyond the one night.

Having neighborhood activities such as a National Night Out block party can be one of the greatest tools a neighborhood will use to build unity and strength. Neighborhood activities can give neighbors a chance to meet one another in a relaxed setting. This handbook will help you start thinking about why your group should have a National Night Out block party.

SIX REASONS TO HAVE A NATIONAL NIGHT OUT BLOCK PARTY

1. **SAFETY** - You and your neighbors can actually increase the safety of your neighborhood just by getting to know each other. You can exchange telephone numbers and keep an eye on each other's property. You may also want to join the Neighborhood Watch program, if you have not already done so, which is a great way to reduce crime in your neighborhood.
2. **ADDRESSING ISSUES** - Block Parties allow for neighbors to come together and address key issues in their neighborhood that need to be attended to. By working together, your group can successfully take care of problems that are affecting the neighborhood.
3. **SHARING WITH NEIGHBORS** - Your neighbors have a wealth of knowledge that they may be able to share with you. We can all learn from each other by connecting with each other. We are creating an exciting opportunity to learn something new! By getting together with your neighbors, you are creating a sense of belonging in your neighborhood, which is an important aspect of building safe and positive communities.

4. **BEAUTIFICATION** - Neighbors in West Valley City have a wonderful opportunity to participate in the beautification of their City. Neighborhood beautification projects can be performed individually or you can gather your neighbors together to adopt a local area or park for a beautification program. Contact the Parks Department at (801) 955-3715 for more information.

You can also organize a neighborhood clean up by contacting the Public Works Department and making arrangements to have garbage dumpsters delivered to your neighborhood. Contact the Sanitation Division at (801) 955-3723 for more information.

5. **FUN** - Having fun in your street and at local parks is a wonderful experience that children and adults will enjoy and hopefully create lasting memories. Playing games such as road hockey or frisbee together can help break down barriers and build lasting friendships.
6. **HARMONY** - By having a National Night Out Block Party, you and your neighbors can help to reduce conflict in your neighborhood. If there is a difficult situation brewing, you can successfully deal with the situation as a group. By providing an opportunity for communication, you are on the path to a resolution to the problem.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT Registration Information



Block Party Registration

Welcome to National Night Out 2012!
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Together, we can make a difference!**

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- Decide if you will be closing a street and submit a street closure request form, **Due July 26** (July 19 if asking for assistance).
- Complete the event registration form, **Due July 26** (July 19 if asking for assistance).
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Post your National Night Out banner (limited quantities for registered groups) on August 1 to remind your neighbors to attend your event on August 7.

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Block Party Assistance **DUE JULY 19**

Neighborhood association name: _____

Event date: ☐ Tuesday, August 7 ☐ Other _____

Expected attendance: _____ Number of homes invited: _____

Exact event address: _____


Address is: ☐ City Park ☐ Private Residence
☐ Street ☐ Other _____

Sometimes donations will enable the City to help provide hot dogs, buns, potato chips, and bottled water to neighborhood events. Unfortunately, there are not enough resources to supply these items to every group planning events in the City. If you would like the City to help provide these items for your event, please answer the questions below and return this form along with your **ENTIRE** registration packet to the Public Relations & Neighborhood Services Office before Thursday, July 19. Receipts will be notified after July 26.

1. Why does your neighborhood participate in National Night Out?
2. How does National Night Out make a difference in your neighborhood?
3. How does National Night Out help to strengthen your relationship with the West Valley City Police Department?
4. How do you outreach to every resident in your neighborhood?
5. How do you celebrate and include the rich diversity of your neighborhood in your National Night Out event?
6. How will receiving these items help to make your event a success?
7. If you do not receive these items, will your neighborhood event still take place?
8. Requested items (quantities):
Hot dogs & Buns _____ Potato Chips _____ Box: Bottled Water _____

Please attach a TYPED sheet with your answers.

RETURN COMPLETED REGISTRATION FORMS TO:
West Valley City Public Relations & Neighborhood Services Office
3000 Constitution Boulevard | West Valley City, UT 84119
Fax: (801) 955-3804 | Email: evan.barnes@cityofwv.gov or neighborhoodservices@cityofwv.gov



STREET CLOSURE REQUEST **DUE JULY 26**

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT
STREET CLOSURE REQUEST REQUIREMENTS

Step 1:

- Complete the following Street Closure Request application. This completed application needs to be returned along with the petition of consenting neighbors and a map of the area to the Neighborhood Services Office before July 26, 2012.

Step 2:

- Ask neighbors to sign the "Street Closure Request Petition." You should deliver a flyer to every home about the proposed block party with your address and phone number on it. Ask your neighbors for comments prior to the party and before going door to door for signatures.
- You must make an attempt to contact every homeowner on the street you are proposing to close and ask for their support. You are required to receive signatures of support from 51 percent of the homes on the street that will be closed. Remember to mark the street that will be closed off. Maps are available in Neighborhood Services Office.

Step 3:

- Return the completed application, petition, and area map to the Neighborhood Services Office, Suite 230 at City Hall. Staff there will help you obtain the necessary approvals.

Step 4:

- After the approval, make arrangements to park barricades or caution tape from the Neighborhood Services Office. As a reminder, West Valley City Hall is open Monday through Thursday from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Barricades need to be returned the next business day, Monday through Thursday. There are a limited number of barricades being rented by the City for National Night Out.

• It is much easier to get approval to close a cut-deck than it is to get approval to close a through street. Main thoroughfares into subdivisions may not be closed off.

• Barricades must be returned by 10 p.m. as the City's noise ordinance makes noise after that time.

• No alcohol is permitted on the street or public right of way.

• Barricades and tape are provided as a service by the City to close the street. Do not paint cars to obstruct entry to homes or the legal park.

• For pedestrian safety, indirect methods to park their cars outside the boundaries of the closed street area if they wish to use their vehicles during the block party.


• It may be helpful to designate people who will coordinate safety, and ensure noise control and cleanliness of the neighborhood.

• You may want to invite the Fire Department or the Police Department to come to your block party for demonstration of the emergency services without a special request. The Public K-9 Unit can also come to your block party for a demonstration if they are available.

• Take pictures of your party and Neighborhood Services will help you design and post a neighborhood newsletter.

Event back and enjoy your party!

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**DOWNLOAD A
REGISTRATION
PACKET**
www.wvc-ut.gov/nno

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Block Party Basics

Gather a few neighbors together who are interested in organizing your event. Think of the planning process itself as an opportunity to have fun and make some lasting friendships. Try to involve neighbors you do not know well and who know other neighbors you do not know well. Most important, do not stress over planning the perfect party -- sometimes the most casual events are the most fun. If there are people in your neighborhood who speak a language other than English, try to find a translator who can help you to reach these neighbors. This will help to bridge the language barrier. This is a great opportunity to meet people of different cultures and backgrounds!

1. **WHEN** - The official date of National Night Out is Tuesday, August 7, 2012. When deciding a time, take into consideration your neighbors schedules. In general, most groups hold their events between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. Respect your neighbors -- try to have the event wrapped up by 10:00 p.m.
2. **WHERE** - Choose a location that makes sense for your neighborhood. You may be able to close off the street in front of your block if you want to hold activities in the street. If you want to close a street, you will need to get a free Street Closure Request from the West Valley City Neighborhood Services office. If you want to hold the party in yards and don't want to close a street, the City does not require permits. Despite the permit requirements, closing a street does have the advantage of making your party feel like a true block party rather than a private event. In case of stormy weather you may want to consider an alternative location may also want to be considered as a back up.
3. **MENU** - A party simply isn't a party without food! All the other activities you plan may take a back seat to the food. Invite your neighbors to bring a favorite dish, drinks, desserts, etc. Just because you're planning the event does not mean you need to provide all the food.

4. **ACTIVITIES** - You may want to include some games and activities. Some block parties come at the end of a block cleanup, a block garage sale, or a day of tree-planting; others have a theme such as National Night Out Against Crime, the Fourth of July or celebrating some real (or made up) neighborhood anniversary.
5. **INVITATIONS** - Hand out invitations with all the appropriate information to your neighbors. You can have free copies made at West Valley City's Neighborhood Services Office. A couple of days before the event, put up posters in your neighborhood to remind everyone that the Party is coming!

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Event Set-up

1. **ARRIVAL** - Plan this for approximately one hour. Have everyone make their own name-tags and have an informal activity and/or duty for all. Duties could include:
 - assisting at the name tag table
 - coordinating each activity area
 - organizing food table
 - setting up BBQs
 - setting up the seating/picnic area
 - acting as hosts to introduce both adults and children
2. **SET-UP** - Have the areas for food, seating, music, games, little ones, etc. designated before your neighbors arrive. You may want to put signs out designating the areas. Place garbage containers in strategic locations. If you will be closing a street, you will need to turn in a request form and follow the directions to pick up barricades.
3. **PARTY SCHEDULE** - After everyone has arrived, announce the day's events and any housekeeping items you need to share. Often mealtime follows announcements, then your planned activities and/or speaker. The latter half of the party is often informal visiting amongst neighbors until cleanup and take down. Observe neighborhood courtesies. Remember to make your block party a positive experience for all of your neighbors, even if they choose not to attend. Make it easy for neighbors to get out of their driveways and through the streets. Keep noise levels low. End the party by 10:00 p.m.
4. **CITY RESOURCES** - The City is your neighbor, and we'd like to be invited to your party too! Once you have registered your event with the City, you will be placed on a list to have visits from: City Council, Police officers, Code Enforcement Officers, City Staff, Youth City Council, Family Fitness Center Staff, and more. If you have a request for your event, please ask. We may be able to find the resources you are looking for.

The most important thing is for everyone, no matter what age, to feel welcome and a part of the neighborhood and the party. The name-tags help. You may want to consider putting the parents' names on the bottoms of children's nametags. If a neighborhood member cannot attend because he or she is bedridden, select small delegations to bring in food and conversation.

Some Helpful Tips for Your Event

Grilling Tips

- Make sure your grill is clean. Clean with a wire brush or use a big wad of crumpled up aluminum foil.
- Start early. Charcoal briquettes will need 20-45 minutes before they are hot enough to cook over (about 75% white). A gas grill's lava rocks will need about 10-15 minutes to preheat.
- If you use lighter fluid, let it soak into the briquettes before lighting the grill. Never add more lighter fluid once the fire is burning.
- If a barbecue recipe calls for direct heat, it means the food is cooked directly over the heat source. Direct heat is good for cooking thinner foods such as fish, beef, lamb, pork and vegetables. If the recipe calls for indirect heat, this means the food is cooked off to the side of the heat source. Indirect heat is better for cooking poultry, larger cuts of meat, anything that requires longer, slower cooking. The heat surrounds the food and cooks it through without burning the outside.
- Many people prefer to clean up while the grill is warm so that stuck food comes off more easily.

Food Safety Tips

- Poultry must be cooked thoroughly to be safe to eat. Cook poultry slowly and turn frequently. If it is convenient, poultry may be precooked in the oven, then finished on the grill. Grill poultry until internal temperature reaches 170 degrees in the breast or 185 degrees in the thigh.
- When grilling kabobs, remember that wood burns. Soak wooden skewers in water before threading on food.
- Don't save and reuse marinades. Discard and make a fresh batch for additional food. Also, stop basting foods with marinades at least 5 minutes before cooking time is done to help insure that bacteria are destroyed.
- Avoid bacteria-friendly temperatures. Bacteria thrive at temperatures between 40 and 140 degrees F. Thaw and marinate food in the refrigerator, not on a counter top. Perishable foods should be chilled thoroughly and served surrounded by ice or frozen gel packs to maintain safe food temperatures.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Getting to Know Your Neighbors

Back to the Basics: Neighbors Getting to Know Neighbors

West Valley City encourages neighbors to get together on National Night Out and to make a commitment to connect and keep their neighborhoods safe year-round. We encourage everyone to do their part to help keep their neighborhood safe by becoming involved with Neighborhood Watch, staying informed about city and police news, and communicating with the city and police when there are issues in their neighborhood.

How can you get to know your neighbors, connect your neighbors to each other, and stay connected? Here are some simple steps:

- Knock on doors! Studies have shown that face-to-face communication still builds the longest-lasting relationships. This is especially true for neighbors.
- Contact the “neighbor who lives somewhere else.” Many blocks have rental residential or commercial properties that can be important partners in your crime prevention efforts.
- When visiting neighbors to get their approval for your NNO street closure request, take along a sign-up sheet for an email list or phone tree for your block. Many block leaders share the latest Action Alerts this way, not to mention announcements of yard sales, lost pets, etc.
- Call a “BBQ Meeting!” Host a pot luck dinner where an informal agenda can include comparing notes on any issues your neighbors have encountered recently. People are more likely to share their observations in a friendly environment and often find that the action that needs to happen is as simple as a phone call,

TIP:

Get Local Business Support

Get Started

- Decide what you need. Put together a list of items that you are asking for—if you are asking for cash, be sure to let businesses know what you will be buying.
- Create a letter of request. It can be short—a welcome, who you are and why NNO is important to your community and what you are requesting. Be sure to include contact information. If you can tailor each letter to each business, all the better.
- Ask early. Some businesses are a part of a chain and they need to approach their district manager regarding donations. Other businesses will support only a few block club events and you want to be one of the first to ask!
- Remind businesses that when they donate to an NNO event they are: creating a stronger, safer community, supporting the neighborhood volunteers and block clubs, and promoting their business and products to the community.

Approach Local Businesses

- Start with a business you think will donate. It makes approaching other businesses easier because you can say that others have already donated. Encourage the next business to jump on the band wagon.
- Make your request in person, but also provide a copy of your letter of request in case the owner is out, or they need time to review your request.
- Ask for the person who will make the decision - the store manager or owner rather than the clerk.

- Tell the person who you are, where you live, what National Night Out is, the activities that your block has done (or will do!), and how they can help.
- Inform the business that you will put a sign up at your event recognizing their donation.
- Be aware that some businesses will respond immediately and others will want to think it over before responding.
- Don't be discouraged if businesses turn you down. They may get many requests or have specific donation policies.
- Follow up with the business if you do not hear back from them within a week.
- Be flexible - you may ask for food or paper supplies and receive items that can make good prizes for games or door prizes.
- Invite the business to attend the event; leave flyers with them to post.
- Thank the business for taking the time to talk with you even if they do not donate.

Follow-Up

- Post a sign listing all contributors at your NNO event.
- Thank the business after the event. Have neighbors sign a thank you card at your NNO event that you can send.
- Patronize the business afterwards, so they feel that they did build ties with the community by donating.

TIP:

Get Local Religious Institution Involved

Encourage members to organize and/or participate in National Night Out events in their own neighborhoods:

- Include notices and articles in newsletters for one to two months in advance of August 7.
- Include notices in weekly bulletins
- Post a map and have people place a dot where their NNO party is and let everyone see the influence you can have as a group
- Invite a block leader or a crime prevention specialist to speak at a service or education hour prior to NNO
- Have various groups within the congregation think of ways to promote participation within their group

Religious institutions can support NNO events in neighborhoods surrounding their property:

- Help provide refreshments
- Offer entertainment-share the talent in your congregation (musicians, jugglers, clowns, game facilitators, etc.)
- Offer use of your grounds/facility
- Share information about programs and services offered by your congregation

Encourage your neighborhood religious institution to host an event if you do not know of a neighborhood event nearby:

- Gear your event to the ages and interests of the people in the neighborhood
- Focus on simple events that allow and encourage people to talk with each other and interact with children
- To find out if there are organized block clubs around you, email neighborhoods@wvc-ut.gov

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT Activity Ideas

Group conversations/ mixers

- “Neighbor of the year” award
- Block e-mail list
- Block history stories
- Find block leader volunteers
- Have an ice breaker
- Interview politicians running for office
- Neighbor trivia game w/prizes for right answers
- Photos from past block parties and activities
- Share ideas and accomplishments on the block
- Skill swap
- Talk about area crime concerns and keeping an eye on each other’s houses
- Update block list for people and pets
- Update block contact list
- Welcome new residents
- Activities for youth
- Bicycle parade/rodeo
- Chalk art
- Coloring/maze sheet
- Dime/penny guess
- Duck pond
- Face painting
- Games
- Kiddie jump (“moon walk”)
- Make a banner or mural
- Piñata
- Riding bikes in streets
- Scavenger hunt
- Skits
- Talent show

All-ages activities

- Book exchange
- Book swap
- Cake walk
- Celebrate birthdays, anniversaries, graduations, etc.
- Dance / Street Dance
- Lawn mower beauty contest w/parade
- Ring toss contest
- Live music
- Movies
- Organize a book club
- Parade
- Plant exchange
- Prizes
- Recognize kids' accomplishments
- Scavenger hunt
- Sing-along/karaoke
- Soccer
- Storytelling (truth or fiction)
- Street dance
- Talent show
- Tour the gardens on the block
- Volleyball
- Water balloon fights
- Water balloon toss contest
- Welcome new neighbors
- White elephant exchange

Contribute to your community

- Beautify a common area
- Have a food drive and donate to the Utah Food Bank
- Cover graffiti
- Plan a fall clean-up or bulb planting
- Sign all ages up for library cards
- Use e-mail list to communicate more with your neighborhood organization
- Voter registration drive
- Community impact statements or petitions
- Adopt a park

Simple refreshments

- Bring your favorite snack
- Coffee, tea, and dessert
- Cookie exchange
- Fruit and cheese plates
- Hot dogs and brats
- Ice cream cones/make your own sundaes
- Lemonade and cookies
- Mini-donut stand
- Popcorn
- Potluck
- Pretzels and pop
- Root beer floats
- Watermelon

SAMPLE GAME

Getting to know you...

Find one person to sign each of the blanks below. Each person may sign only ONCE on this paper. Have fun finding out wacky, wild things about each other.

FIND SOMEONE WHO...

1. Has two cats _____
2. Has been to a concert at the Maverik Center _____
3. Has lived in 10 or more homes _____
4. Is a twin _____
5. Can roll his/her tongue _____
6. Was born outside the US _____
7. Has met a famous person _____
8. Is taller than both parents _____
9. Has more than one computer _____
10. Has bungee jumped _____
11. Can fox trot _____
12. Wears contacts _____
13. Has been to Disneyland in the last year _____
14. Owns an Elvis record _____
15. Wore a poodle skirt to school _____
16. Has dyed his/her hair _____
17. Was a cheerleader in high school _____
18. Has written a poem _____
19. Has flown a plane _____
20. Can do a flip on a trampoline _____
21. The first letter of their first name and last name are the same _____
22. Is double jointed _____
23. Can do a one handed cartwheel _____
24. Has been or currently is in the military _____
25. Has lived in West Valley City their whole life _____
26. Has more than four children _____
27. Speaks a foreign language _____

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Menu Ideas

If you want to have a good party, you have got to have food!

Here are three ways to organize your food:

- **Pot luck.** Every household is assigned to bring one dish. It can be an appetizer, salad, main dish, side dish, dessert or beverage. When organizing a pot luck, keep a master list of food assignments. You will also need to keep track of the number of neighbors attending the party and the varieties of food dishes. Pot luck meals offer the greatest variety of dishes.
- **Community menu.** Like a dinner club, you may want to plan a menu and assign each household a specific food dish or beverage. It is a good idea to share the menu and recipes with your neighbors in advance. This method of organizing food works really well when planning a theme party.
- **Find a sponsor.** Finding a sponsor to help with providing hot dogs, hamburgers or other meat frees up neighbors to bring other items. Assign several neighbors with grills to bring them and cook for the group.
- **Cater it.** Take up a collection and cater your party. Once you know how many neighbors to expect and how much you want to spend per person, all you have to do is place your order. The professionals do the rest.

Appetizers

- Guacamole and chips
- Seven layer bean dip

Salads

- Black eyed cabbage salad
- Pasta salad
- Potato salad
- Tossed green salad

Main Dishes

- BBQ chicken
- Hamburgers
- Hot Dogs

Side Dishes

- Corn on the cob
- Grilled vegetables
- Baked beans
- Garlic bread

Desserts

- Apple crisp
- Chocolate chip cookies
- Watermelon

SIMPLE BBQ SAUCE

1/2 (1 ounce) package dry onion soup mix
1/2 cup packed brown sugar
2 cups ketchup
1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce

In a medium bowl, mix together onion soup mix, sugar, ketchup and Worcestershire sauce. Do not use until the last few minutes of cooking, because this sweet sauce will burn if cooked for too long or over too high heat.

BBQ SAUCE

2 cups ketchup
2 cups tomato sauce
1 1/4 cups brown sugar
1 1/4 cups red wine vinegar
1/2 cup unsulfured molasses
4 teaspoons hickory-flavored liquid smoke
2 tablespoons butter
1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
1/2 teaspoon onion powder
1/4 teaspoon chili powder
1 teaspoon paprika
1/2 teaspoon celery seed
1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1/2 teaspoon cayenne pepper
1 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon coarsely ground black pepper

In a large saucepan over medium heat, mix together the ketchup, tomato sauce, brown sugar, wine vinegar, molasses, liquid smoke and butter. Season with garlic powder, onion powder, chili powder, paprika, celery seed, cinnamon, cayenne, salt and pepper.

Reduce heat to low, and simmer for up to 20 minutes. For thicker sauce, simmer longer; for thinner sauce, less time is needed. Sauce can also be thinned using a bit of water if necessary. Brush sauce onto any kind of meat during the last 10 minutes of cooking.

MOJO GRILLING MARINADE

6 cloves garlic, coarsely chopped
 1/2 cup minced yellow onion
 1 cup freshly squeezed orange juice
 1/2 cup freshly squeezed lime juice
 1/2 teaspoon ground cumin
 1 teaspoon dried oregano flakes
 1/2 teaspoon lemon-pepper seasoning
 1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
 1 teaspoon kosher salt
 1/4 cup chopped cilantro
 1 teaspoon hot pepper sauce (e.g. Tabasco™) (optional)
 1 cup olive oil

Pulse the garlic and onion in a blender until very finely chopped. Pour in orange juice and lime juice; season with cumin, oregano, lemon-pepper, black pepper, salt, cilantro and hot pepper sauce. Blend until thoroughly incorporated. Pour in the olive oil and blend until smooth.

MARINATED MEDITERRANEAN SALAD

2 large tomatoes, cut into wedges
 1 medium onion, thinly sliced
 3/4 cup Italian salad dressing, divided
 1/2 cup slivered fresh basil leaves or 1 tablespoon dried basil leaves
 1/2 cup sliced pitted ripe olives
 1 (12 ounce) package Ronzoni Garden Delight Rotini, Radiatore or Penne, uncooked
 1/2 pound cubed mozzarella cheese

In large bowl, stir together tomatoes, onion, 1/2 cup salad dressing, basil and olives. Meanwhile, cook pasta according to package directions; drain. Rinse with cold water to cool quickly; drain well.

In large bowl, toss marinated vegetables, cooled pasta, remaining salad dressing and mozzarella cheese. Cover; refrigerate before serving.

POTATO SALAD

5 pounds potatoes, peeled and chopped
10 eggs
1 large onion, chopped
1 (24 ounce) jar sweet pickles, drained and chopped
2 cups mayonnaise

Place the potatoes in a large pan of water and boil over medium-low heat until tender, about 12 minutes. Drain the potatoes and place in the refrigerator to cool.

Place the eggs in a saucepan of cold water over medium heat and bring to a full boil. Turn off the heat, cover the pan and allow the eggs to sit in the hot water for about 15 minutes. Cool the eggs thoroughly under cold running water and shell them. Chop the cooled eggs and place them in a large salad bowl.

Stir the onion, sweet pickles and mayonnaise into the eggs and let the mixture chill in the refrigerator at least 1/2 hour to blend the flavors. Mix in the chilled chopped potatoes and refrigerate for at least 1/2 hour. Serve cold.

3 BEAN SALAD

1 15-oz can cannellini beans, rinsed and drained
1 15-oz can kidney beans, rinsed and drained
1 15-oz can garbanzo beans, rinsed and drained
2 celery stalks, chopped fine
1/2 red onion, chopped fine
1 cup fresh, finely chopped flat-leaf parsley
1 Tbsp fresh finely chopped rosemary
1/3 cup apple cider vinegar
1/3 cup granulated sugar
1/4 cup olive oil
1 1/2 teaspoons salt
1/4 teaspoon black pepper

In a large bowl, mix the beans, celery, onion, parsley and rosemary. In a separate small bowl, whisk together the vinegar, sugar, olive oil, salt and pepper. Add the dressing to the beans. Toss to coat. Chill beans in the refrigerator for several hours to allow the beans to soak up the flavor of the dressing.

LAYERED BEAN DIP

- 1 (10-12 oz) can jalapeno dip
- 1 (6-8 oz) container frozen avocado dip, thawed
- 1 cup (8 oz) sour cream
- 1 cup (4 oz) shredded Cheddar cheese
- 1 cup (4 oz) shredded Monterrey Jack
- 1 cup green onions, chopped (plus more for garnish)
- 1 can (5 oz) sliced black ripe olives, drained
- Spanish paprika

This can be served either in a large straight sides glass pudding dish or on a 14 inch serving platter. If using a pudding dish, simply spread the layers so that the colorful layers can be easily seen. If using a serving platter, pile the layers of ingredients one over another with each successive ingredient leaving a margin of 3/4-inch in a pyramid fashion.

For the first layer, spread bean dip to 1/2-inch thickness. Over this, evenly spread a layer of avocado dip to the same thickness (but if using a serving platter, leave a 3/4-inch margin so the bean dish may be seen, and so on.) Next, spread a 1/2-inch thick layer of sour cream (leave a 3/4-inch layer). Layer the remaining ingredients in the same fashion.

Cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate for several hours before serving. Sprinkle center lightly with paprika for added color. Garnish with green onions. Serve with tortilla chips, crackers and crisp vegetable strips.

APPLE CRISP

10 cups all-purpose apples -- peeled, cored and sliced

1 cup white sugar

1 tablespoon all-purpose flour

1 teaspoon ground cinnamon

1/2 cup water

1 cup quick-cooking oats

1 cup all-purpose flour

1 cup packed brown sugar

1/4 teaspoon baking powder

1/4 teaspoon baking soda

1/2 cup butter, melted

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degree C).

Place the sliced apples in a 9x13 inch pan. Mix the white sugar, 1 tablespoon flour and ground cinnamon together, and sprinkle over apples. Pour water evenly over all.

Combine the oats, 1 cup flour, brown sugar, baking powder, baking soda and melted butter together. Crumble evenly over the apple mixture.

Bake at 350 degrees F (175 degrees C) for about 45 minutes.

CHOCOLATE OATMEAL NO-BAKE COOKIES

2 cups sugar

1/2 cup cocoa

1 stick butter

1/2 cup milk

1 tsp. vanilla

3 cups quick-cooking oatmeal

1/2 cup peanut butter

Combine sugar, cocoa, butter and milk in a saucepan. On medium heat, bring to a boil for one full minute. Remove from heat. Stir in peanut butter (optional), vanilla and oatmeal.

Drop by spoonful onto wax paper. Let cool for at least 30 minutes.

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